

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
December 16, 2021

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Robin LaBuwi called the meeting to order.

Opening prayer was led by Mitch Bennett. Kenny Irvin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Robin LaBuwi, President; Mitch Bennett, Secretary; Robby Cockrum, Shane Cockrum, and Kenny Irvin. Board members absent: Mark Dyel and Marci Glover.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Wade Thomas, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary; and Community Members.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

Executive Session – Kenny Irvin made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel. Robby Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Wade Thomas, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; and Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary entered into an Executive Session in the Executive Board Room at 5:01 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 5:22 P.M. Mitch Bennett, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Robby Cockrum – yes, Shane Cockrum – yes, Kenny Irvin - yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes and Mitch Bennett – yes. Board members absent: Mark Dyel and Marci Glover.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Wade Thomas, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary; and Community Members.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes, November 16, 2021 Executive Board Meeting Minutes, November 16, 2021

5.2 Approve Financial Report (November 2021)

5.3 Approve Payment of Bills (November 2021)

5.4 Review 1st Reading Board Policy Updates from Press Plus Issue 108

Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Robby Cockrum – yes, Shane Cockrum – yes, Kenny Irvin - yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes and Mitch Bennett – yes. Motion Carried.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson commented on the following:

- Covid Regulations/Legislation
- Workers Compensation Audit
- Extra-curricular Committee Meeting update
- Kentucky Tornado Relief Efforts
- Mr. A Scholarship

7. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS Jacey Moore spoke on behalf of the Fine Arts Boosters in support of Mr. Timothy McMeen.

A letter was read from Shawn Craig requesting an exception to the rule regarding the size and placement of his son's wrestling picture.

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Review/Approve 2021 Tax Levy Resolution Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve the 2021 Tax Levy Resolution as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this Resolution has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

9.2 Review/Approve 2021 Resolution to Levy Certain Special Taxes Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve Resolution to Levy Certain Special Taxes as presented. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this Resolution has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

9.3 Review/Approve Resolution for Abatement of Taxes Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the Resolution for Abatement of Taxes as presented. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this Resolution has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

9.4 Review/Approve Resolution (i) transferring county school facility sales tax revenue to the bond and interest fund of said School District and (ii) abating a portion of the taxes heretofore levied to pay debt service on the General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2020, of the School District Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the Resolution (i) transferring county school facility sales tax revenue to the bond and interest fund of said School District and (ii) abating a portion of the taxes heretofore levied to pay debt service on the General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2020, of the School District as presented. Robby Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this Resolution has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

9.5 Review/Approve Resolution to Adopt E-Learning Plan Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve the Resolution to adopt E-learning plan as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this Resolution has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

9.6 Review/Approve Vocation Wing Roof Replacement Bid Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve the bid for vocational wing roof replacement as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.7 Employment of Personnel Mitch Bennett made a motion to employ Timothy McMeen as a special education teacher effective 1-3-2022 pending licensure. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.8 Assignment of Personnel Kenny Irvin made a motion to assign Austin Meyers as a volunteer wrestling coach for the 2021-22 school year. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.9 Authorization to Give Notice of Invitation to Let Bids for RHG Bleacher Replacement

9.10 Review/Approve Proposal to Replace Two Unit Ventilators in Library Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the proposal to replace two unit-ventilators in the library as presented. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS

11. ADJOURNMENT Mitch Bennett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 P.M. Robby Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY